

# State of New Jersey Emergency Medical Dispatch Guidecards



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## ALERTS

Enterovirus (EV-D68) 9/9/2014

Ebola Interim Guidance for Emergency Medical Services Systems and

9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Points

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#### Enterovirus (EV-D68)

**Signs and symptoms similar to cold or flu. In children age 6 weeks to 15 years with existing respiratory illness may quickly become respiratory distress, change in skin color (hypoxemia) or wheezing..**

**Current cases have been reported in New Jersey.**

#### Ebola

**Patient may present signs and symptoms of flu in early stage such as high fever, severe headache, muscle pain, vomiting, diarrhea, or abdominal pain. Additional sign may be unexplained bleeding.**

**Look for recent travel (up to 21 days) in affected areas.**

**Current outbreaks reported in West Africa.**

**<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/outbreaks/2014-west-africa/index.html>**

**Cases confirmed in US (being treated in NYC, NY, screening being conducted at major airports).**

### SIMULTANEOUS ALS/BLS

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**IF PATIENT HAS A DIAGNOSIS OF EBOLA OR IS PRESENTING HIGH FEVER AND/OR FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS AND HAS RECENTLY TRAVELED TO AREAS OF CURRENT OUTBREAKS OR THE PATIENT IS BEING MONITORED BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO A KNOWN EBOLA PATIENT, ADVISE ALL RESPONDERS (Police, Fire, EMS, any others directly or through their dispatch) TO USE P.P.E.**

**NOTIFY LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER OF ALL PATIENTS MEETING THIS CRITERIA.**

**<http://www.nj.gov/health/lh/directory/lhdselectcounty.shtml>**

**Anyone from the general public with questions about Ebola should be instructed to call the Ebola Hotline 1-800-962-1253 (NJ Poison Control)**